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Zero Tolerance Begins Today In Troy

Updated Release To Include Owners Name and Other Properties

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(February 13, 2006- TROY)- Following up on a promise made during the State of the City speech, Mayor Harry J Tutunjian announced that today is the beginning of zero tolerance in the Code Enforcement Department in the City of Troy.

The first step in the process took place today with the demolition of a building at 632 River Street, shortly after 1 p.m. The owner of 632 River Street has repeatedly ignored orders from Code Enforcement to stabilize the structure. On a recent visit, a code official spotted a squirrel that had frozen to death after being wedged between some of the open bricks on the façade of the building.

“In the case of this building, enough is enough,” Tutunjian said. “This owner refuses to comply with City codes, and will not take the necessary action to improve the quality of life in the area. So we will do it for him. The building will be knocked down, and the cost of demolition will be re-levied onto his tax bill.”

The owner of 632 River Street is Michael C. McCloskey of Brunswick. He is the owner of two other properties in the City of Troy- 51 14th Street and 226 Cemetery Road. The owner was first contact about the building in January of last year and told to place the building on the vacant registry list. After a partial collapse of the back walk during May of last year, he was told to demolish the building. He never responded, and skipped a Code Enforcement court appearance.

The cost of the demolition Monday was \$10,600, and that will be re-levied onto the owners tax bill.

More initiatives dealing with zero tolerance in code enforcement will be released in the coming weeks.